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Invention: **Ballast for a Discharge Lamp**

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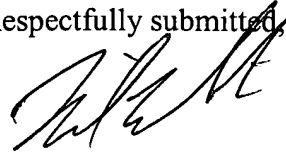
Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit an executed declaration for the above identified patent application. It has come to the applicants' attention that a Notice of Acceptance was issued in error on June 22, 2005 (copy attached). The Official Filing Receipt has been received and a first Office Action has issued, i.e., mailed August 9, 2005. Please note that an **executed** declaration was **not** filed with the filing of the application. Under 35 U.S.C. 371 the application is not complete and does not receive a filing date until all requirements are met. These requirements include an executed Oath or Declaration. Therefore, applicants respectfully submit the attached executed declaration. Also filed concurrently is a response to the first Office Action.

It is noted that the \$130.00 surcharge for filing the declaration after the 30 month national date was paid upon filing of the application on September 10, 2004. Therefore, it is deemed that no fees should be required for filing the declaration at this time. If it is decided that a fee is required for filing the declaration at this time, the Patent Office is

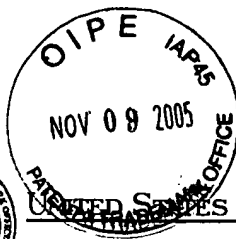
hereby authorized to charge the attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-2041 and asked to notify us accordingly.

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NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C 371 AND 37 CFR 1.495

The applicant is hereby advised that the United States Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495), has determined that the above identified international application has met the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371, and is ACCEPTED for national patentability examination in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

The United States Application Number assigned to the application is shown above and the relevant dates are:

<u>09/10/2004</u>	<u>09/10/2004</u>
DATE OF RECEIPT OF 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) REQUIREMENTS	DATE OF COMPLETION OF ALL 35 U.S.C. 371 REQUIREMENTS

A Filing Receipt (PTO-103X) will be issued for the present application in due course. **THE DATE APPEARING ON THE FILING RECEIPT AS THE " FILING DATE" IS THE DATE ON WHICH THE LAST OF THE 35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) REQUIREMENTS HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE. THIS DATE IS SHOWN ABOVE.** The filing date of the above identified application is the international filing date of the international application (Article 11(3) and 35 U.S.C. 363). Once the Filing Receipt has been received, send all correspondence to the Group Art Unit designated thereon.

The following items have been received:

- Copy of the International Application filed on 09/10/2004
- English Translation of the IA filed on 09/10/2004
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 09/10/2004
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 09/10/2004
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 09/10/2004
- Oath or Declaration filed on 09/10/2004
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 09/10/2004
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 09/10/2004
- Priority Documents filed on 09/10/2004

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